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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 2, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application, whereby a marked-up version of the Abstract is also attached to this document to show the changes made.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: